

HOUSE BILL 3413

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63,  
relative to treatments involving opioids.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 2, is amended by  
adding the following as a new section:

63-6-242.

(a) On or before January 1, 2013, the board of medical examiners shall promulgate rules requiring training concerning the use of certain opioids in treatment of pain for any physician who prescribes or supervises the prescribing of another health care provider. The training shall address issues of pain management, patient counseling and other risk reduction factors for opioids. At a minimum the training shall be consistent with the federal food and drug administration's Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy or with any successor initiative.

(b) The training shall particularly address extended-release and long-acting opioids and shall include at least the following drugs:

- (1) Hydromorphone;
- (2) Morphine;
- (3) Oxymorphone;
- (4) Methadone;
- (5) Transdermal fentanyl;
- (6) Transdermal buprenorphine; and
- (7) Oxycodone.

(c) A physician shall not be authorized to prescribe any opioid covered by this section unless the physician has successfully completed the training required by this section.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 9, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

63-9-119.

(a) On or before January 1, 2013, the board of osteopathic examination shall promulgate rules requiring training concerning the use of certain opioids in treatment of pain for any physician who prescribes or supervises the prescribing of another health care provider. The training shall address issues of pain management, patient counseling and other risk reduction factors for opioids. At a minimum the training shall be consistent with the federal food and drug administration's Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy or with any successor initiative.

(b) The training shall particularly address extended-release and long-acting opioids and shall include at least the following drugs:

- (1) Hydromorphone;
- (2) Morphine;
- (3) Oxymorphone;
- (4) Methadone;
- (5) Transdermal fentanyl;
- (6) Transdermal buprenorphine; and
- (7) Oxycodone.

(c) A physician shall not be authorized to prescribe any opioid covered by this section unless the physician has successfully completed the training required by this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.